

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending, of which claims 1 and 6 are active independent claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct informalities in the claim language and to more clearly define the claimed subject matter. Claims 6-10 have been added. No new matter has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the information disclosure statement filed July 27, 2007 have not been considered because a translation has not been provided. Applicants are submitting herewith the English translations of the references as an Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above identified information disclosure statement and return the initialed copy of form PTO-1449 in the next official action.

Objections

Specification and claims have been objected to because of typographical errors. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments made to the specification and claim 1 overcome these objections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (US 6,447,934) in view of Hamada et al (US 6,387,546). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner asserts that Suzuki discloses an organic EL panel as recited by claim 1 except a transport material added to the host material as a guest material. The Examiner relies on Hamada asserting that Hamada discloses a layer including a host transport material with another transport material added to the host as a guest material.

Applicants respectfully submit that, at a minimum, Suzuki fails to disclose a luminescent layer being separate from an electron transport layer and a hole transport layer (see, FIG. 1 of Suzuki). Further, although the Examiner asserts Hamada discloses a dopant for transporting carriers added to one of the layers of an EL device, the dopant is added to the carrier transport layer, i.e., the electron transport layer and/or the hole transport layer (see, col. 3, lines 49-50, 58-60 and col. 4, lines 32-33 of Hamada). Hamada thus fails to disclose a transport material added *to the luminescent layer* as guest materials.

As such, it is clear that the combination of Suzuki and Hamada does not render claim 1 and any claim dependent thereon obvious. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-5.

New Claims

New claim 6 recites, similar to claim 1, “the luminescent layer comprises a host material and guest materials including a fluorescent material and a transport material.” Accordingly, claim 6 and any claim dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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